

Decentralization of Computing Centers in CIA

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[] during consideration of addition of RID/DDP workload to OCS 360 system advised Becker [] that the answer OCS gave on whether or not it could perform RID computing workload as essentially free of cost, piggyback opn, based on OCS's minimum computer configuration and staff, would be also the answer to the question of centralization or status quo with three computer centers (RID, OCS, and NPIC).

(due to BOB purpose toward centralization)
PPB was at that time interested in having a study committee look into computer activities in the Agency for recommendations on future policy - (Several choices were available, Status quo; expand OCS and leave in S&T (adding RID and NPIC computing to OCS); expand OCS and move under DD/S, adding " " or abolish OCS Agency-wide concept and let each Directorate do its own computing with some cooperation and sharing.)

() in [] view.

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Wheel on opposed study because, he told John Clarke, that decision already made when OCS established. Later agreed it was acceptable - PPB/For indicated survey might lead to greater centralization under OCS; (the opposite did also happen if Directorates fought it) - DD/P always used "security" angle -

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On 25 Feb 1965, Mr. Becker asked the DD/S&T's approval of a plan to send the OCS/EXO, [] for several months intensive technical indoctrination in EDP subjects of value to OCS, to equip him in EDP managerial competence in order to serve in the #3 OCS management position with strengthened and more rounded knowledge of the EDP field, with particular emphasis on the IBM 360 system.

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